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SUBJECT: ALTMANN-BARBIE CASE

REF: STATE'S JCP2R: 36773; LA PAZ 1256

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2. US CONSUL IN LYON APPROACHED BY REGIONAL PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF RESISTANCE FIGHTERS (CONFEDERATION NATIONALE DES MAQUI ET DES MILITANTS DE LA RESISTANCE) REGARDING ALTMANN-BARBIE CASE. HE SAID LEFT WING OF HIS AND OTHER VETERAN GROUPS ARE WHIPPING UP SENTIMENT FOR A DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT OF LYON CONSULATE TO PROTEST ALLEGED CIA "PROTECTION" OF ALTMANN-BARBIE. AS FRIEND WHO WAS AMPLY DECORATED BY US AFTER THE WAR, HE SAID HE WANTED TO WARN CONSUL OF THIS SENTIMENT AND HOPED FOR US REASSURANCES THAT HE COULD USE TO STEM LEFTIST EFFORTS TO TURN ALTMANN-BARBIE CASE INTO ANTI-AMERICAN AFFAIR.
3. HE ALSO PRESENTED CONSUL WITH LETTER WHICH REQUESTS ME TO "INTERVENE WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES SO THAT THE LATTER DOES NOT OPPOSE THE FRENCH REQUEST TO THE BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT FOR THE EXTRADITION OF ALTMANN-BARBIE. OR AT LEAST SO THAT IT ADOPTS A STANCE OF BENEVOLENT NEUTRALITY." LETTER CONTINUES

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